ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus are provided that allow a communications stream to be quickly opened between two terminals. According to one aspect of the present invention, the invention includes registering the base station and the user terminal with each other by exchanging identification information and configuration information, sending a request to open a communications stream message from the user terminal to the base station, receiving a channel assignment message from the base station in response to the request message, the channel assignment message including an identification of an assigned communications channel for the communications stream, and sending data from the user terminal and receiving data from the base station over the assigned communications channel.

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